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SATURDAY, MAY 29, 1869.

THE LAIRDS AND THE ALABAMA.

The voluminous discussions of the Alabama question in England have resulted in the development of a new theory. Alarmed by the discovery that a paltry bribe could not induce the American people to forget and forgive the wrongs they have suffered, British journalists have begun busily racking their brains for plausible arguments to resist our just demand, and for a true explanation of the causes which have led them into the present difficulty.

usually considered to be more British than the British themselves. Of late years Englishmen have been eager to declare that no opposition would be made to the North American colonies if they desired to sever their connection with the mother country. In the event of the Nova Scotia Assembly voting for the proposed address, it will be interesting to note its reception in England, and to see whether the province will be allowed either to sever its connection with the Dominion or the British crown without vigorous opposition.

Mr. Murray, the mover of the resolution, denied that it meant annexation with the United States, but this result would certainly follow if the independence of Nova Scotia was declared; and there is very little doubt that this is what a large proportion of the people secretly desire, although they may find it difficult at first to break away from their old affiliations.

THE VULTURES AND THEIR PREY.—The details of the very remarkable Orphans' Court case which are published elsewhere, show how great is the necessity for our judicial authorities to keep a sharp eye on the estates of dead persons.

A little convulsion between interested persons would have made the St. Joseph's Hospital a sifter to the extent of several thousands of dollars, for the benefit of two or three reckless and conscienceless persons. In this case, fortunately, there was no chance for connivance; but the bold-faced attempts at swindling which were made are not without a lesson to the community.

NEW-YORKISMS.

From Our Own Correspondent. NEW YORK, MAY 29, 1869.

Oh! this dreadfully changeable weather! I don't wonder that foreigners abuse our climate. I don't wonder they talk of "our France" and "our skies of Italy," when they contrast those natural luxuries of air and light with the sickly phenomena of the American climate. Being an optimist, and not a pessimist, I am inclined to believe that, taking all things into consideration, our climate is probably the best for us, and that foreigners must take care of themselves.

I suppose the parsons would say that it is familiar with simulated crimes, the occasional betrayers actors and actresses into peccadilloes, and acts less venial than peccadilloes; but whether it be this or not, the smaller fry of the profession do occasionally put their foot in it in a most inexplicable manner. Miss Kate Fisher, the well-known impersonatrix of "Mazepa," is said to have lately distinguished herself in this respect, and, without stopping to inquire too curiously whether the transition is easy from clapnet to kleptomancy, I would simply state that yesterday afternoon she was surrounded by a large and enthusiastic audience on the occasion of her appearance (her first, I presume) in the Jefferson Market Police Court. The occasion was a charge brought against her by a woman named Bevin of having stolen the plaintiff's watch. As an eques-

THE SITUATION IN NOVA SCOTIA.

While every true, born Briton has been getting into a rampageous state over Mr. Sumner's speech, and the regular old orthodox Tories are declaring that a war with the United States is a thing to be wished for rather than otherwise, England has several little difficulties of her own to contend with in the way of dissatisfied dependencies, which, in the event of a contest with this nation, would be likely to give her trouble. Ireland is in a ferment, and the proposed disestablishment of the National Church does not appear to have done much yet towards producing a better state of feeling in the Ulsterian bosom towards the governing country, and Nova Scotia is protesting with considerable vigor against the state of affairs which was forced upon her by the New Dominion of Canada, and there are indications of a decided leaning towards annexation with the United States by the Blue Noses.

On Wednesday last a preamble and resolution were offered in the House of Assembly at Halifax, which read considerably like the respectful protests which were addressed to the British Government by the American Colonies previous to the Revolution. The document admits that the Imperial Government has a right to withdraw its protection, but that it has not a right to force a free people into complications without their consent; and then it recites that the constitutions of the local provinces have been changed without the consent of the people, and in opposition to their wishes; that petitions of the people have been treated with contempt by the British government; that inquiry into grievances has been refused; that, in addition to being deprived of their inherent rights as freemen, the union has imposed upon them financial disaster and oppressive taxation; that the principal commercial trade of Nova Scotia has been, and from its geographical position always will be, naturally with the United States; and that, believing that the Imperial Parliament has been imposed upon by false representations, the resolution proposes an address to the Queen asking either that their beloved institutions may be restored to them or that they be absolved from their allegiance to the British throne.

This resolution will come up for discussion on Wednesday next, but there is very little likelihood, notwithstanding all the discount that prevails, that it will be adopted; at least in its present shape. It is a significant fact, however, that such a paper should even be considered in a British colonial legislature, by men who are

to the people to-day. But their efforts have been unsuccessful, and we shall probably have a European Sabbath to-morrow. The friends of the late Mr. Rushmore, the President of the Brooklyn Atlantic Bank, are greatly excited over the fraudulent transactions of which he has been found guilty. The indications are in favor of between one and two hundred thousand dollars. The grave had scarcely closed over him, or the pulpit dome sounding his praises, when it was discovered that he had been applying the bank funds to his own private ends, and had, in fact, accumulated by that means a very snug amount of property.

THE ST. CLAIR PAPERS.

Interesting Historical Documents of Revolutionary Interest.

From the Cleveland (Ohio) Herald. We have already referred to the St. Clair papers, for the purchase of which a resolution appropriating money passed the State Senate in the Ohio House for want of time. We have obtained some additional facts in regard to these documents, which are of the greatest importance to be left unpublished. General St. Clair died in August, 1793, near Greensburg, Pennsylvania, aged 81 years. His papers, which filled three large chests, were left to his daughter, Mrs. Graham, upon whose decease they went into the possession of her son, whose recent death brought the existence of the papers to public knowledge. During the lifetime of Mrs. Graham and her son, these papers were never allowed to be disturbed, or even examined by any one, no matter for what purpose; hence the little that has been known relative to the life of St. Clair and the early history of Ohio.

One of the three chests referred to contains the Revolutionary War records of St. Clair, consisting of more than three thousand valuable letters from the most distinguished generals and patriots of the Revolution. Among them are said to be more than one hundred letters from General Washington. The other two chests are even more valuable in a historical point of view. There is not a single scrap of paper in the St. Clair archives relating to the Northwest Territory from 1787 to 1802, when Ohio was admitted as a State. The two chests of papers are the archives of the Territory, and are said to contain nearly a thousand manuscripts of the greatest value and importance. We learn that the descendants of St. Clair, being very poor in their circumstances, are unable to hold the papers longer, and the failure of the Legislature to purchase the manuscripts has determined the owners of the papers to submit them to sale wherever a purchaser can be found. We understand that if the papers are not otherwise disposed of soon they will be taken to Cincinnati and sold at auction. There may be question as to the right of the holders to so dispose of papers which many probably the property of the General Government or of the State of Ohio. But whatever the right of possession may be, it is no question that the dispersion of such a collection of papers would be a serious loss, and should not be permitted. If no other course is taken, a few men of capital might unite to purchase the collection at present in the State, and keep it in trust until the Legislature makes an appropriation to reimburse the outlay.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

ARCH STREET M. E. CHURCH.—REV. JAMES M. SCOVELL, Pastor, will preach to-morrow at 10 1/2 A. M. Rev. Mr. SMITH at 7 1/2 P. M. Strangers invited.

SECOND REFORMED CHURCH.—SEVENTH Street, above Brown.—REV. SANFORD H. SMITH will preach to-morrow at 10 1/2 A. M. and 8 P. M.

TRINITY M. E. CHURCH, EIGHTH Street, above Race.—REV. R. W. HUMPHREYS, Pastor, will preach to-morrow at 10 1/2 A. M. and 8 P. M. Strangers invited.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—WASHINGTON Square.—REV. ALBERT BARNES will preach to-morrow at 10 1/2 A. M. and Rev. J. HENRY SHARPE, of Pittsburg, at 8 P. M.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, THIRD STREET.—REV. JAMES M. SCOVELL, Pastor, will preach to-morrow at 10 1/2 A. M. and 8 P. M. Prayers every Saturday evening at quarter to 8. Strangers cordially invited.

LUTHERAN ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH, TWELFTH and OXFORD Streets.—REV. NOAH M. PRICK, Pastor, will preach to-morrow at 10 1/2 A. M. and 8 P. M. Prayers every Saturday evening at quarter to 8. Strangers cordially invited.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH.—SEVENTH and SPRING GARDEN Streets.—REV. THOMAS O'BRYEN, Pastor, will preach to-morrow at 10 1/2 A. M. and 8 P. M. Prayers every Saturday evening at quarter to 8. Strangers cordially invited.

TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH.—CHESTNUT Street, west of Eighteenth Street.—REV. GEORGE A. FELTZ will preach to-morrow Morning and Evening. Services commence at 10 1/2 and 7 1/2 o'clock. An interesting Sabbath School service at 3 1/2 P. M.

REV. A. A. WILLIS, D. D., PASTOR OF THE WEST ARCH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, corner EIGHTH Street, preaches 10 1/2 A. M. and 8 P. M. Bible class at 9 A. M. Prayers meeting 7 1/2 P. M. Strangers always welcome.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—EIGHTH and CHERRY Streets.—REV. WALLACE R. DODD will preach to-morrow (Sabbath) Morning at 10 1/2 o'clock, and in the afternoon at 8 o'clock.

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